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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

Applicants, through their representative, respectfully submit the following amendment and remarks in application serial number 09/778,329.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11 – 13 are pending in the instant application for patent. As permitted by 37 CFR §1.121(c), Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13 be amended by rewriting the claims be amended by rewriting the claims. The requested amendments are included herewith as an attachment to this response, entitled "Amendments to the CLAIMS."